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From the hauntingly beautiful notes of Franklin Cohen's clarinet paired with the exquisite voice of Susanna Phillips, to the sun's final flash as bows flew in Golijov's Last Round atop The Bow, to the chuckles at Alex Cohen's improvised percussion in The Fairy-Queen's last dance, to the final notes of Schumann's Quintet at The Bella – we were entranced, enthralled and ecstatic.

When he wrote "If music be the food of love, play on", Shakespeare nailed it. So did ChamberFest West's artistic directors, Diana Cohen and Roman

[review](#) in the Calgary Herald.

*"This second incarnation of the new festival demonstrated an impressive maturity beyond last year's fine opening, evident in the imaginative programming and in the absolutely superlative performances."
Kenneth DeLong, Calgary Herald, July 26, 2023*

The only thing we'd like to add is that the inestimable violinist Amy Schwartz Moretti deserves the credit for her "complete technical assurance and conviction" in Beethoven's Archduke. Our apologies for not making the program changes clear prior to each concert, as we kept hoping Liza Ferschtman would recover in time to perform. An updated and corrected version of the program will be posted to our website. chamberfestwest.com

This year's festival theme "Resonance" was a feast of musical delights, but without you – our audience, volunteers, supporters, and donors – the "food of love" would be meager indeed. Your applause and appreciation is still echoing in our ears. Thank you!



Schumann's Quintet at the Bella Concert Hall

Daniel Chong, *violin 1*

Amy Schwartz Moretti, *violin 2*

Roman Rabinovich, *piano*

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Help us plan ChamberFest 2024

While our 2023 summer festival is still resonating, we'd like your thoughts. If you haven't already done so, please respond to a few questions in the **CFW Survey**. Your feedback will help guide us as we begin planning ChamberFest West's 2024 festival.

[CFW Survey](#)

Please consider a donation.

Every individual donation enhances our ability to raise money from foundations, government, and corporations. Donations also keep ticket prices low and allow us to offer discounts to students and other groups; and multi-year pledges make it possible to plan for the future. For more information contact admin@chamberfestwest.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Relive the best of Resonance, via YouTube.

A select group of musical editors at ChamberFest West are currently reviewing almost ten hours of videotaped Resonance concerts, trying to pick the best of the best. We can't wait to share them with you!

Nine concert videos will be released on YouTube over nine months, starting in October. We'll announce each release in this newsletter and on our Facebook and Instagram sites. Follow us @cfwyyc.

July 2024 is a long time to wait, so we know you'll appreciate these monthly reminders of the kind of superlative musical programming we have to look forward to.

wrote many of the Program notes for Resonance.) We'll announce the dates in this newsletter as soon as they're confirmed.



Mendelssohn's String Quartet No. 6 at the Bow Tower

Amy Schwartz Moretti, *violin 1*

Aubree Oliverson, *violin 2*

Nicholas Swensen, *viola*

Jonathan Swensen, *cello*

*Ryan Heatherington-Keys, photo credit



The 2023 Honens Festival is back with four days of piano and chamber music from 7 to 10 September!

You'll hear performances from Honens Artistic Director Jon Kimura Parker, Calgary artists Jani Parsons, Akiko Tominaga, and Donovan Seidle, and a beautiful solo recital by Ukrainian pianist and 2022 Honens Prize Laureate Illia Ovcharenko. In addition, you can experience Canada's lauded Ladam Ensemble's unique blend of accordion, piano, cello, and percussion in acoustic chamber and world music with repertoire that reflects a beautiful new world with a Western classical toolset. New this year are two Xenia Concerts, both family-friendly concerts that embrace neurodiversity and disability.

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